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# Preface

The intent of this book is to compile and present a lifetime of experience involved in research and development in the rubber industry. This experience resulted from employment at several rubber companies, most notably 28 years in the research division at Gencorp in Akron. This was followed by teaching rubber-related seminars at several universities and at the Rubber Division of the American Chemical Society.

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